

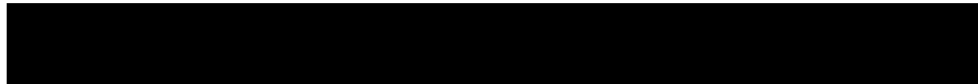
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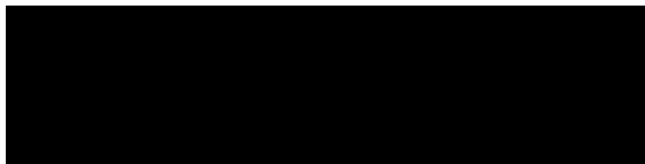
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TO: All Personnel of CIA

As I leave the Directorship of CIA for another Government post I want to express to each of you my appreciation for your support through the effective and enthusiastic performance of your duties. Your devotion to your work and the impressive way in which you have risen to the unusual demands of our Agency has won the admiration of the highest authorities and I am genuinely grateful for what this has meant in the proper discharge of my obligations to the people of the United States.

President Truman, in a letter dated January 16, complimented me on the development of the Central Intelligence Agency into "an efficient and permanent arm of the Government's national security structure," and added, "During this critical period the far reaching improvements and strengthening which you have introduced in the intelligence field have been of immeasurable value to me and the other members of the National Security Council in dealing with the difficult problems facing us. I am firmly convinced that no President ever had such a wealth of vital information made available to him in such a useful manner as I have received through CIA." I know well that such progress as we have been able to make has been possible only through your untiring dedication to the tasks we have all faced together.

President Eisenhower has asked me to advise all of you that he is aware of the services which have been performed by the Agency and desires from all personnel the same high type of support and loyalty to him and the new Director that has been rendered in the past.



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